## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent application of	)
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For: FLOW-THRU CHIP CARTRIDGE	)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly enter the following amendment:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please cancel claims 29, 30, 50, 51 and 52, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

## **REMARKS**

The present application is in condition for examination. The application is amended to cancel claims 29, 30, 50, 51 and 52 in order to avoid the multiple dependent claim surcharge and the fees for the dependent claims from these multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been entered by this Preliminary Amendment.